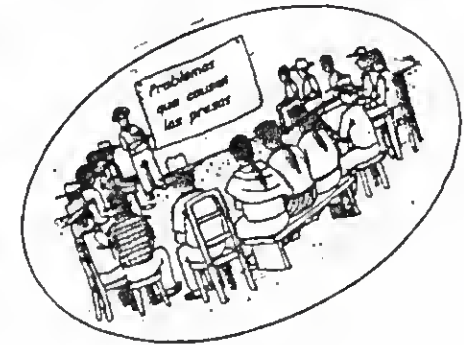
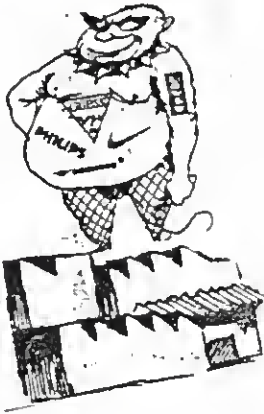
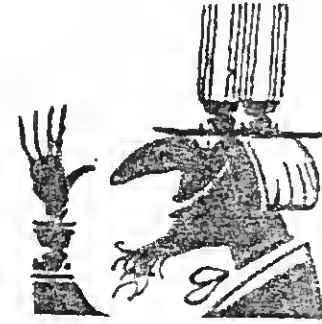


PLAN PUEBLA-PANAMA



(A friend in Oaxaca, Mexico gave me this pamphlet. I did my best to translate it into English.)

Introduction:

This pamphlet was made as a testimonial of communities and organizations that came together to tell, from their own experiences, what the Plan Puebla Panama (PPP) is and how it affects the diverse population, depending on the region, identifying also the distinct municipal plans of development that exist as small parts that form PPP.

Like a puzzle, they put together their experience to obtain a whole vision of what is happening in different parts of the country. They formed the Red de Respuesta y Resistencia (Network of Response and Resistance). One of the worst problems that we face with PPP is misinformation. Because of that, we created this pamphlet with the intent to cover some of the principal parts of the plan.

This pamphlet can be read in parts, or completely, or only some themes, depending on which is the major necessity of the region. It was made to reach as many nooks and crannies as possible. You can spread it or reproduce it. Between all of us we can counter the lack of information about PPP.

The info in this pamphlet is very general, because of that it is necessary to look in your community to see the effects of PPP, which problems exist there, and how to confront them.

The testimonies that have led to the realization of this pamphlet, as well as articles and news about PPP, are contained on the web page vspp.8m.com

This pamphlet was made with information provided by people and organizations in the states of:

- Distrito Federal
- Estado de Mexico
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- Puebla
- Tlaxcala
- Veracruz

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THE MAQUILA AFFECTS:

The agriculture and economy of the region



Health in Mexico's northern border babies are born with deformities from toxins released by maquilas.



The environment



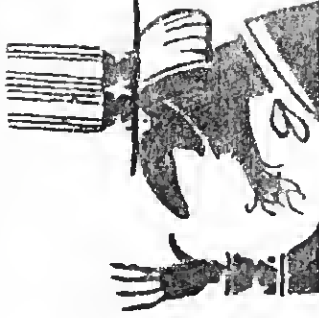
The cultural life of the community.



Human rights, workers rights



The sovereignty of the country.



But what can we do?

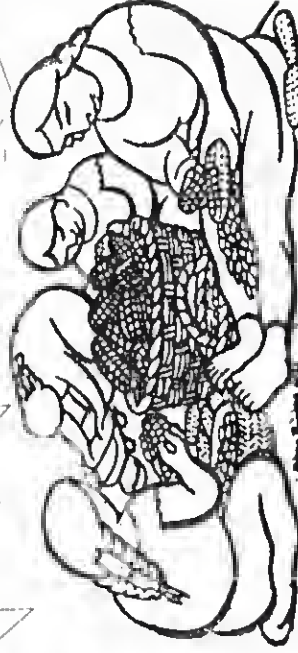
It's not easy to get rid of established maquilas that communities are dependent on. It's necessary to promote workers' rights, to build DIY alternatives so communities can decide on their own form of development and economy.



By spreading this pamphlet, organizing with your community, denouncing violations of rights, constructing DIY projects, and every thing else you can think of to stop these abuses.

How?

Avoid the arrival of maquilas where they aren't yet installed.



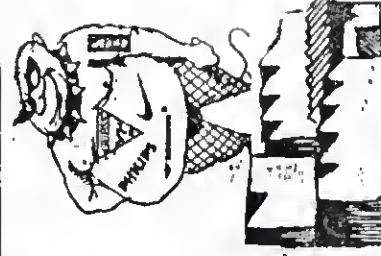
Plan Puebla Panama and the Maquila

THE PROGRESS SEEN FROM THE EXPLOITATION AND DESTRUCTION

Where are you taking me Mr. Fox?



To progress little one, to progress with the PPP, I give you the opportunity to work in a maquila.



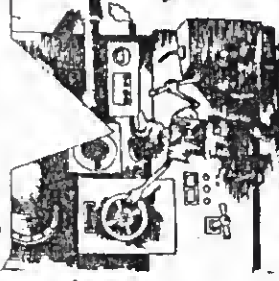
A maquila is a factory dedicated to mass production for multinational corporation like Guess, Levi's, Nike, etc.

Maquilas are able to crush our human rights to save on costs.



They do not pay fair wages. A Worker in Tehuacan or Ajalpan makes about 5000 pair of Levi's a week and earns about 250-350 pesos a week. One pair of Levi's costs from 1200-1500 pesos.

to me every thing, to everyone else, nothing



Under the PPP, the government takes land from campesinos to put in maquilas that serve foreign interests. But first they must destroy the economy of Mexican farms: with unfair prices imposed on it products, the opening of commerce to genetically engineered foods, etc.



"The indigenous communities must be partners in the PPP, contributing their part, their land, to the investment."



Florencio Salazar
PPP Coordinator



Don't worry, I have a strong hold on you.

The PPP is from the USA

Campesinos' land is bought for 70¢ a square meter then resold for hundreds of dollars, to put in commercial centers, where the campesinos can not afford to shop, or maquilas, where they must work.

You are going to become my slave on what used to be your land



It's said that 12 maquilas in Chihuahua plan to change the Yecapuztlan-Acapulco Corridor and various maquilas in Tehuacan that would do the same to Oaxaca.



The PPP causes competing offers between countries trying to attract foreign companies. These offers include cheap land, cheap manual labor, police repression of labor, lax environmental laws, etc.



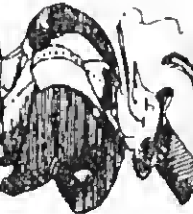
20, we'll sell for 20¢, take it cheap and we'll throw in the kid for free!

The maquilas move into areas of extreme poverty, where conditions are perfect for exploitation and cheap manual labor, since the people have no other option than to work in the maquila. And if the people attempt to defend their rights, the maquila makes, "since there are always made poor communities to exploit"

FOR AN EGRITARIAN SOCIETY



Equal! I destroy mine and they do not cause problems



That's because the further south the company goes, the lower the wages they pay. In El Paso, TX pay is \$97 a day. Across the border in Ciudad Juarez it's 42¢ in Tehuacan \$15 and in other countries like Burma (Asia) the pay is less than \$2.96 a day.

In Tlaxcala, the maquila pays \$70/week to children who work from 1 to 7 at night. These children leave school at a young age.

What do you wish for on Child's Day?

Childhood



The majority of maquila workers are women (70%) between the ages of 16 and 24. The PPP sees this as an advantage.

We are the women who work in the maquila. We are forced to show our sanitary pads to prove we aren't pregnant.

In Guatemala, security guards beat workers they thought were pregnant.

If we refuse to work overtime, we don't get paid at all, we get fired.

They mistreat us, abuse us, imprison us, and give us amphetamines so we will work faster and longer.

When the maquila uses up the natural resources - cuts down the trees, creates smog, contaminates the rivers (in Tehuacan the rivers have been dyed blue) - it moves on to another community to do the same, leaving the people that depended on the maquila without means of survival.



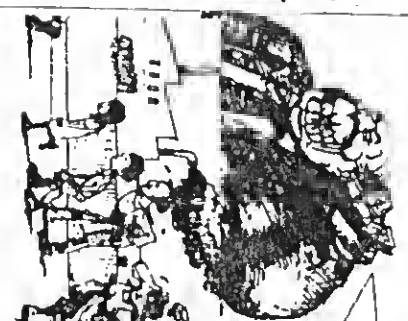
In Cuetzalan, Puebla, a mainly agricultural area, people are going to work in Tehuacan's maquilas, having to buy food that they used to grow.

It is sad because we are going to depend on cans of food sold to us by foreigners, knowing we used to grow it.



The government does not see the problems the maquila causes. It doesn't want to see.

We are partners with the maquila. (like in Tlaxcala, Puebla, and Guerrero.)



If they buy our land, the money will only last a few months.



If we sell the land, we will have to make and buy products in commercial centers, at prices ten times what we're paid and who knows where the money goes!

But, if we work the land we live on, we live for ourselves as well as for our children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etc.

If they buy it from us, they must reimburse our descendants for the rest of their lives. This way things are just a little bit more fair.



We produce the food on which we all live. It is fair that we live well. Those that have much money, earn more for things they don't need, things that often damage their health.



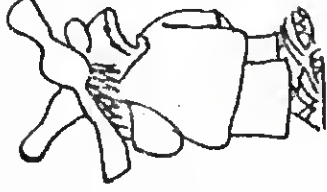
The land belongs to those who work it. Not to those who want to contaminate it with their industries.

If we sell the land and its resources, we sell Mexico.

This comic strip is a compilation of campesinos' testimonies for the "Red de Respuesta y Resistencia" Drawings: Ulises, Ahumada, Naranjo, Rius, Fígón, Helguera.

The Land is Not for Sale

Since we are going to get rid of poverty, can I export my radishes?



No, we are the ones that will turn poor millionaires into multimillionaires.

With the introduction of NAFTA in 1994, Mexico got more opportunities for progress. We are going to get rid of poverty.



With NAFTA, the product of the Mexican field is replaced by foreign products, of lesser quality but with more commercial power, causing greater poverty to the Mexican farmer.

American products, like their corn, are not fit for human consumption. The was discovered in a manifestation at the Northern border of Mexico.



I became the president of change. Now, with Plan Puebla Panama, farmers dying of hunger will change to workers and the unemployed dying of hunger



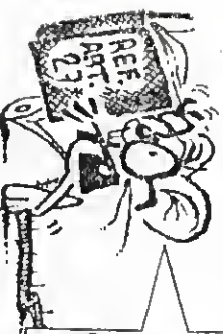
First we approve an anti-indigenous law, so these Indians can not decide on their territories, but we can.

How do we make that happen?

Easy, by applying the reformed article 27, where under the legal pretext of "public utility" you can expropriate their land, buying it at very low prices, by saying it's for the benefit of the country. Then resell it to multinational corporations.



The price paid to a land owner is a price estimated by the government and isn't based on the commercial price of the land. A square meter of land can be worth 2000 pesos but can be bought by the government for 70 cents, as happens in many communities.



Soon afterwards, the government resells the same land for hundreds of dollars a square meter.

If it were really for the "public utility," the money the companies make would be put back into the communities. Like in a cooperative.



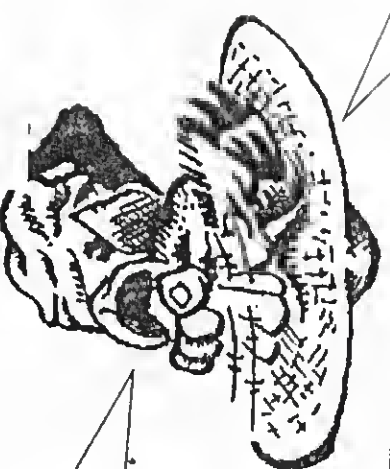
In states like Puebla, Morelos, Veracruz, etc. the government expropriated the people's land, promising to put in parks, hospitals, school, etc. They resold the land to companies that built commercial centers, factories, hotels, etc. When the original landowners are employed, it is as laborers, for less than 1.31 pesos an hour.

But you have to sell your land. We have been working hard to ensure your products won't sell well, giving preference to foreign products. We give you bad seeds, use up the water, leave fertilizers and pesticides to hurt the soil. Accept it, the small farm can not survive. You must sell your land.



The land is not for sale! It is our Mother Earth. The mother is not for sale, not for lease, not a gift.

The land is the history of our ancestors. We come from the land and back to the land we go. Our ancestors left in it their blood, sweat, strength, work and spirit. But what will we leave to our children, without land?



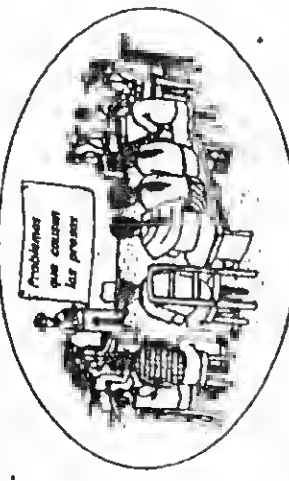
If we sell the land, where are we going to get our food from? The land provides for all. If they take the land we cultivated, Mexicans are not going to have anything to eat except synthetics that produce diseases like cancer.

The industries want to pass through agricultural lands, because that's where the water the factories need is. They leave us without water for our crops, or the water they leave is contaminated by dyes and chemicals they throw out.



BECAUSE ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE

The alternatives contribute to the rise of political, social, cultural and economic changes coming from the people, not from political institutions and governments, thus achieving a true democracy.



It is necessary to carry out alternatives and resistance to neoliberalism and the PPP. Like the organizations united to hurt us,



We must organize to defend ourselves.

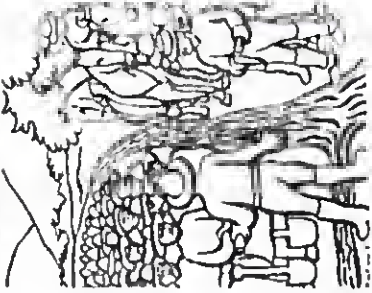


The system is made of many parts, but so are we, and there are millions of us.

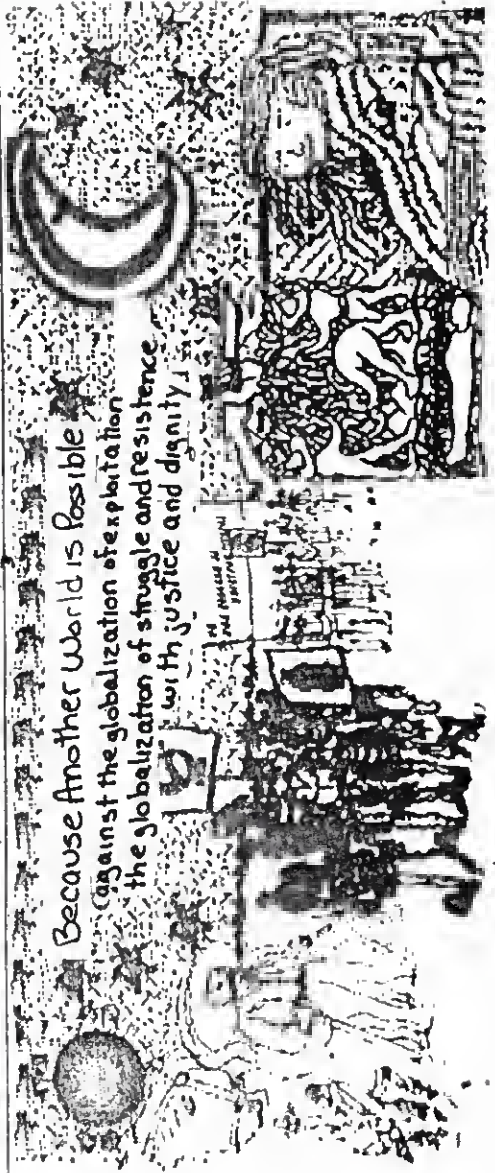
If we want a world where we all fit, we must learn to listen, know, and respect each other, avoid exerting power over others, and decide together what is best for everyone.



We must know the conditions we are going to struggle for, to decide the alternatives and resistance processes that are best for us. The alternatives mentioned here are only a few of the many that exist.



Because Another World is Possible
Against the globalization of exploitation
the globalization of struggle and resistance
with justice and dignity.



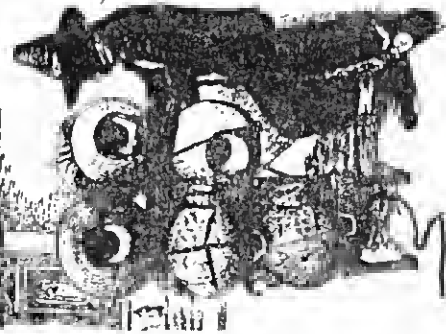
Plan Puebla Panama and neo-liberal politics in general affect various peoples of the world.



The response to a plan that makes communities economically dependent on big business? Economic independence and self-determination, to show that we can produce our own resources and projects for bettering their way of life. In this way, development is decided on for the sake of the community.



The alternatives that exist depend on the place you live.



The alternatives in the country are very different than those in the city. For example, in the country, communal life is strong, the people organize, know and support each other.



There is little community organizing in the city. People are more divided, of ten putting themselves in to groups already being divided by their daily pastimes as workers, students, etc. Separated as much by attitudes as by actions.



The diverse conditions between city and country leaves space for creativity and imagination. It enriches the exchange of experiences. Resistance can happen individually or collectively. Leaving behind the idea of separation, informing more people, writing a poem, painting a picture, giving a part of yourself to the resistance. There are different forms of breaking the silence.



ECOLOGICAL ALTERNATIVES

Prevent the consumption of non-renewable resources. Strengthen the network of ecologists, worldwide. Demand the conservation of biodiversity.



Recycling containers and packaging for their best uses. For example: art creations

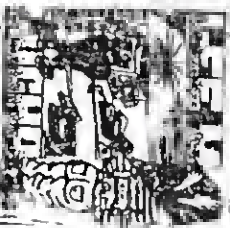
Agriculture that doesn't use chemical fertilizers or harm the surrounding area. Break the dependence on authority.



Self-determination in the use of the community's natural resources.

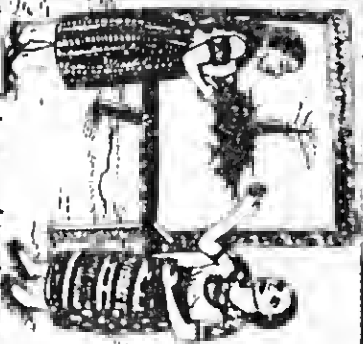
SOCIAL ALTERNATIVES

Open or liberate spaces for free demonstrations and discussions on health, education, politics, culture, etc.



Create, promote, and strengthen means of alternative info. (leaflets, plays, murals, events, etc.)

Promote investigations of ecological problems and possible solutions, as well as the use of alternative energy.

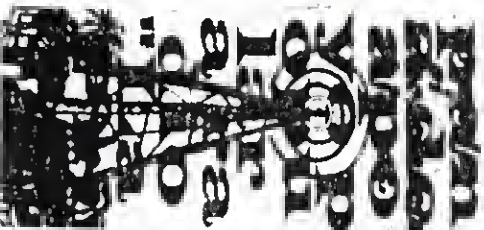


Redeem preventive and traditional medicine

In Tehuiztlan, on the border of Morelos + Guerrero, there is talk of a water sanitation project. This community has successful experience in recycling, composting, and growing organic vegetables.



Create means of independent communication like independent radio or magazines



Strengthen or create communication networks for exchanging experiences, for support and solidarity on local, national + international problems.

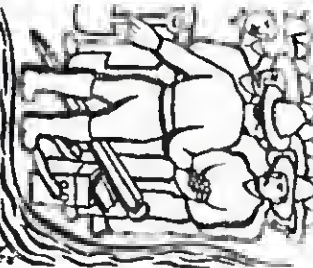
Alternative and public education, based on love and respect for nature, humanity, and service to and development of the community.



Create new, independent forms of community security, and attention to certain problems. Like community police, without the corruption.

ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVES

Trade networks for products and cultural materials, without the middleman. Already there are some fair trade programs.



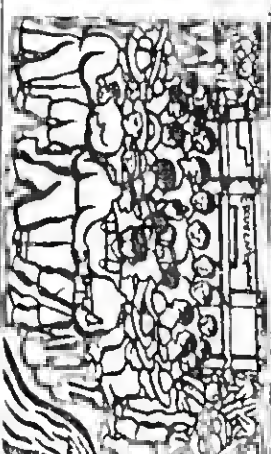
Encourage alternative forms of rural development

Financial self-determination cooperative organization, taking control of the quality of agricultural production.

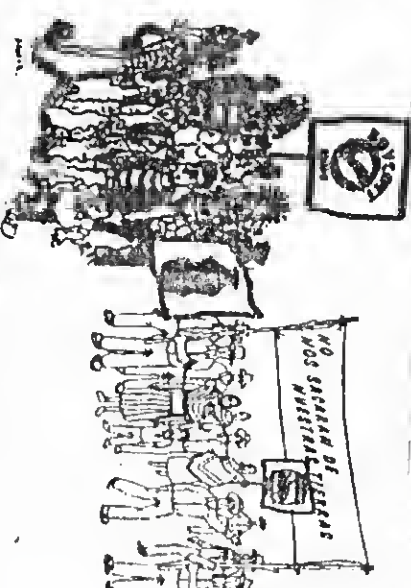


Sustainable autonomous projects, collectives in the city as well as in the country.

In Puebla, the "Center for Superior Indigenous Studies" has a program with an inclination towards traditional culture; they teach traditional medicine, Totonaca language, history of the community, their culture, agriculture, and other matters.

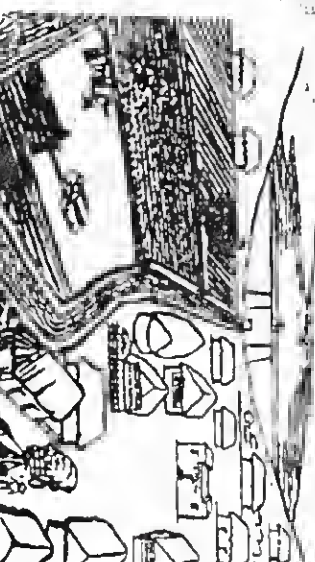


Lay groundwork for relations between city + country, also between producers + consumers.



Boycott harmful products and multinational corporations.

In Morelos, campesinos have organized funds to loan to others in poor economic conditions, so no one has to sell their land to the government or corporations.



What is next on the agenda?

SAGARPA's attempt to legalize commercial seeds of genetically engineered grains in Mexico.

Already Greenpeace claims we threaten the food supply of all Mexicans. As if those dead from hunger will have to eat!

We see the short term. Today you must work overtime.

In genetically engineered organisms, plants are combined with the genes of other plants, viruses, bacteria, and even human genes to make them resistant to the polluting, deadly plagues we also created. Circular business!

Transgenic food intended for consumption has shown some disadvantages: cancer, birth defects, allergic reactions that can lead to death, etc.

So, how is our war of extermination on Mexican peasants going?

Very well, although farmers in Morelos have denounced our corn seeds that ruin soil and yield poor crops. This way we forced them to buy our US and Canadian corn. So our transgenetics are selling well.

With the PPP, the government is handing us a silver platter - the trade of weed, the sale of transgenetics, it doesn't even matter that we are contaminating their country. We will fill Central America with sweatshops, take advantage of their peoples' misery, pay laughable wages, and not have to give benefits like vacations, retirement, or insurance, mwah, mwah, mwahahaha!

In Tehuacan, Puebla, maquilas contaminate 25,000 liters of water a day for industrial washing. While the maquilas have all of the water, the people have none. A similar thing happened in Tezuitlan, Puebla.

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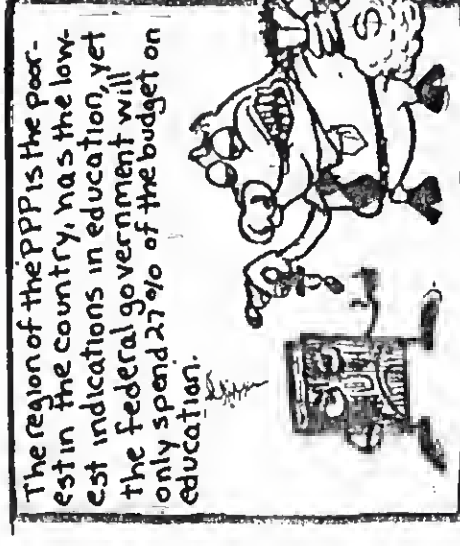
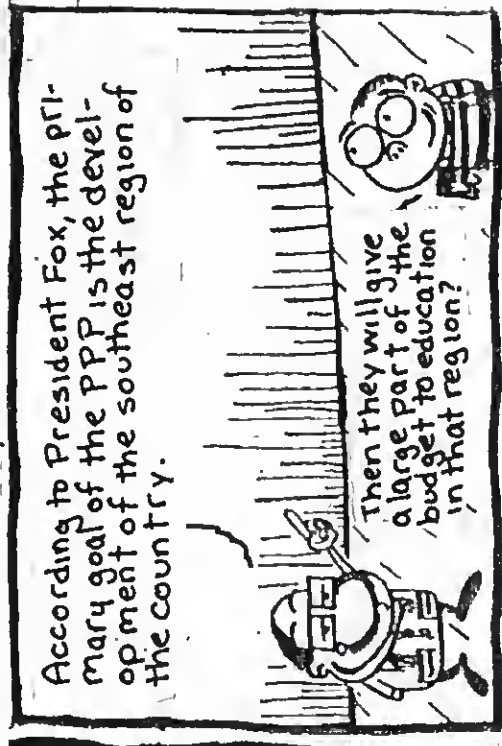
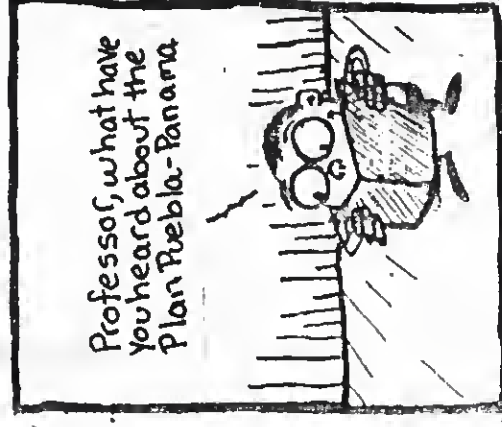
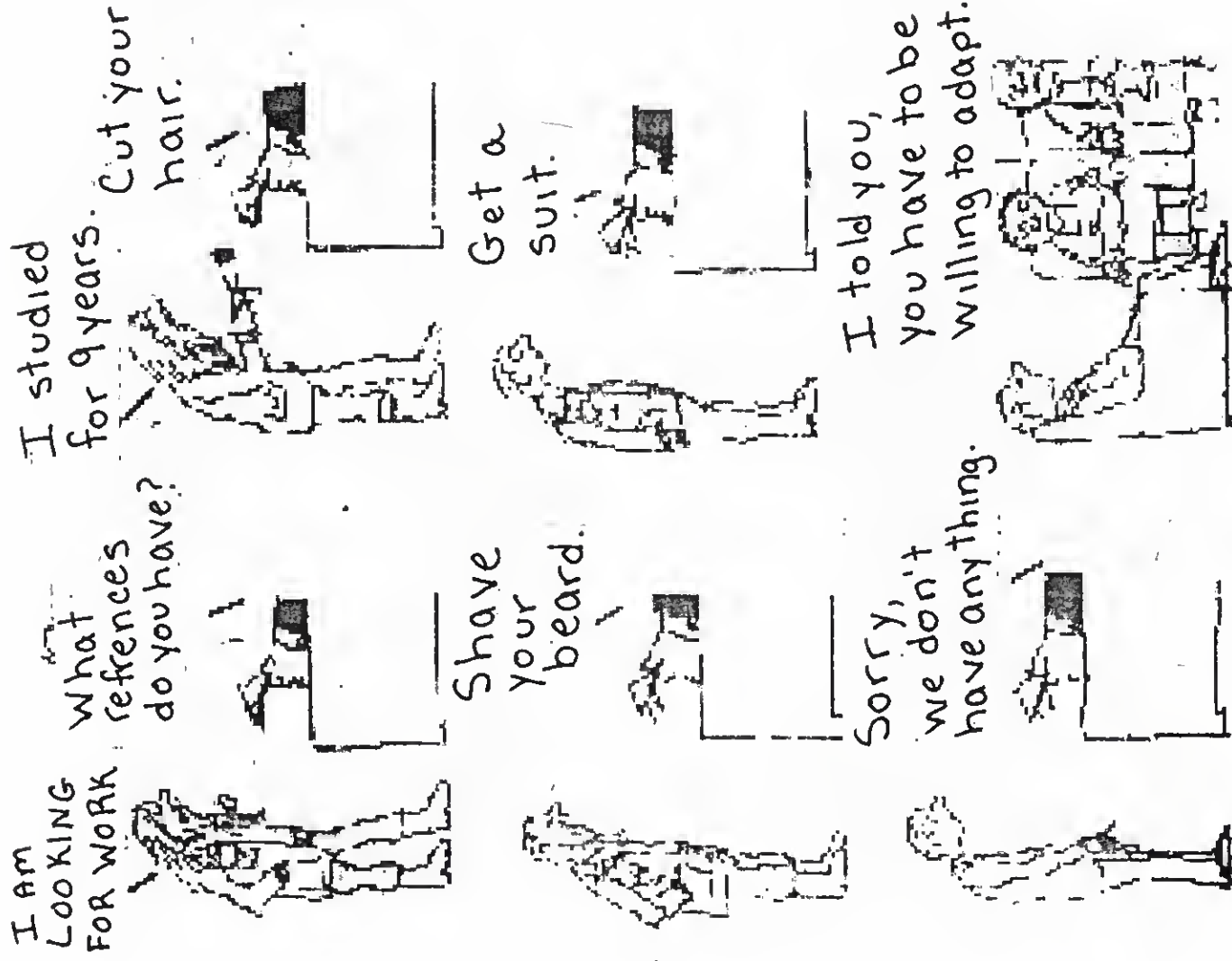
In the maquila zones, the government promised to install water lines. But they were constructed only for the use of the maquilas. The population pays for the cost, while small farms fail due to a lack of irrigation. For example, in Nogales, Veracruz, the Sabritas company left no water for the people.

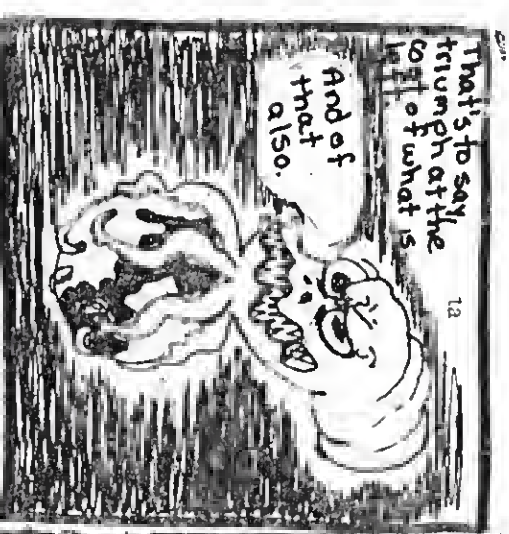
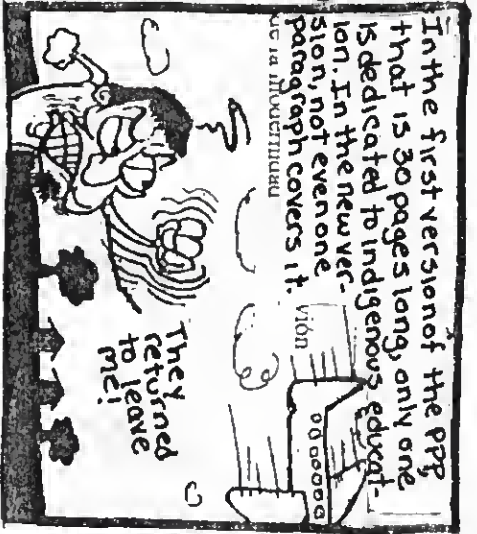
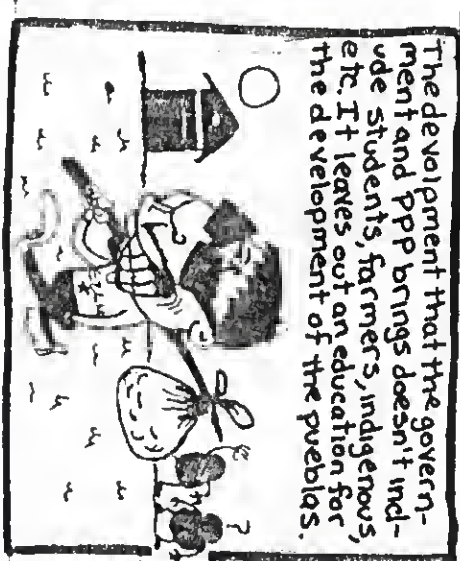
The government protects and promotes the companies that contaminate the country and clear people from their land, under various pretexts. (I especially like the pretext of turning the land into ecological zones.)

Huchan

In Tlaxcala, Puebla, with the Proyecto Angelópolis, the government expropriated land from the farmers at very low prices (up to 4 pesos a square meter), with the pretext of turning the land into an ecological zone. Some people were evacuated by police force, like criminals. Soon after, the government resold the land, at enormous profit (up to 500,000 pesos a square meter) to companies like Comercial Mexicana, and Huchan, a golf course, and private schools. Today the land gives the companies huge profits that the original land owners don't see. Those without land are forced to work in maquilas the rest of their lives.

EDUCATING FOR THE PLAN PUEBLA- PANAMA





We are not given an education. What we study only serves to enrich a few. We share our knowledge (learned inside and outside of school) for the knowledge and development of our communities and of our nation (as much in the country as in the city). **EDUCATION THAT SERVES**

THE PEOPLE, AND NOT JUST THE MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

PPP and INDIGENOUS LAW: So they are enslaved in their own land

The changes to the indigenous law allow companies, by means of the government, to exploit, steal, and sell natural resources, destroy trees and contaminate the water - without paying the land-owners for the damage.

Land expropriation force many indigenous to move to cities for work, causing the loss of customs, traditions, and culture.

One example of the PPP's lack of concern for the environment is in the case of Roberto Barrón, a biodiversity autonomous, zapatista municipality, where the PPP is trying to put in a golf course. The government is using the military and paramilitary to remove the people from their land. Things like this are happening in many communities. To avoid this, the people of Tepic, Tepango, Morelos, are organizing themselves to give loans to the campesinos that need them so no one has to sell their land.

The San Andres Accords put much importance on human rights, esp. women's rights. With the PPP, maquilas became a center for rights violations. Women are beaten, locked in, shouted at, mistreated and unjustly paid for their work.

The reformed indigenous law and the PPP violate treaty 169 of the OIT (International Workers Org.), signed by Mexico, that says "Indian towns must be consulted about any measurements that would affect it."

"We see maquilas + the PPP as a threat because they bring disorder to the communities. We looked to create sustainable development * under the COCOPA law."
- indigenous woman from Tehuacan

* That allows us to decide for ourselves the development we want, enjoying nature without hurting it.

Professor, aren't the indigenous law and the San Andres Accords the same thing?



The San Andres Accords are the result of dialogue between the EZLN, indigenous Mexicans, and the federal government.



Self-determination, pueblos deciding how they want to live + develop. Respecting women + human rights. Deciding on the use of their natural resources. These items are in the San Andres Accords. So much water! Uh, no, this is where we grow food for my maquila.



Ah, it's a trap. They appear to say the same thing but in parts they are contradictory.



Some say the indigenous want autonomy, to become like a country within a country.

No autonomy is respecting the differences of the indigenous while accepting them as Mexicans.



Since the signing of the Accords, the federal government came up with the COCOPA law (commission of the Agreement and Pacification). COCOPA is a summary of the San Andres Accords approved by the Congress of the Union. But they changed some things. The assholes did not recognize indigenous rights, approving in its place their "indigenous law."



OK, Professor- if the San Andres Records are for the benefit of Mexican Pueblos + peace in the country, why did they make another law?



"We must support productive activities and the sustainable development of the indigenous communities by actions that allow them to reach sufficient economic income, the support for public and private investments to create employment, blah, blah..."



The PPP will open maquilas. The indigenous will have to go from working their own land to assembling products. The profits will go to other countries.

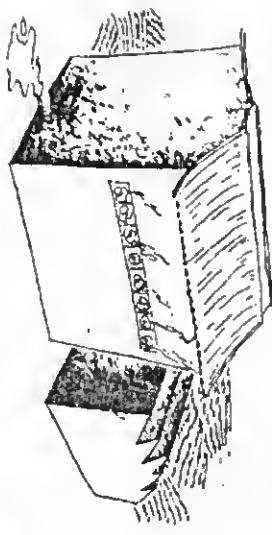
They become enslaved by foreigners in their own lands.



Because the new law works for them, it opens a gap for the PPP read the part where they "end poverty":



That support for investments is, in fact, for the benefit of huge national and multinational companies. Their main attraction is cheap manual labor caused, in part, by the coffee crisis.

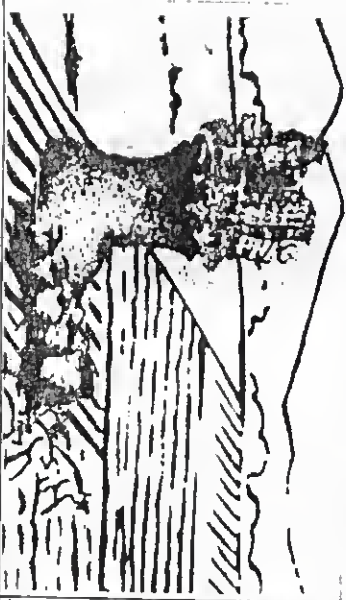


And other connections exist between PPP and the indigenous law?



The great majority of Mexico's indigenous peoples live in the PPP region. The lands inhabited by the indigenous for centuries have been counted on for their natural resources. It is also a region of extreme poverty that can be taken advantage of for the Plan.

Through their autonomy, the indigenous can decide to not let the government + corporations to exploit natural resources, build superhighways or tourist centers.



For example, if a company wants to move into a community, if the company is recognized as an "entity of public right," the community decides if the company moves in or not. But with the change in the law, companies are seen as "public interest" and they government decides if they move in or not. The communities are put into the service of the companies.



The changes in Cocafra sees the indigenous as "entities of the public right" for "objects of public interest." The approved reform does not look for development by submission and dependency on the "good will" of the Mexican government, who only takes into account the interests of big corporations.

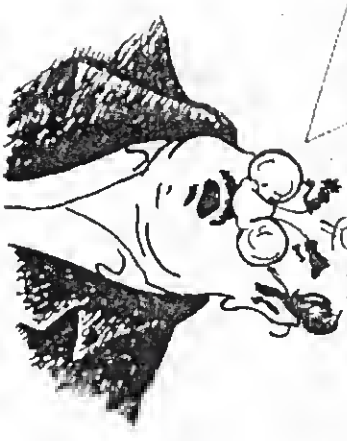
But the installation of factories doesn't only affect the indigenous. The government will expropriate land under the pretext of "public use," of so-called benefit for the country, then destroy crop land for industrial parks, superhighways, golf courses, and tourist centers.

Look! There is no more land!

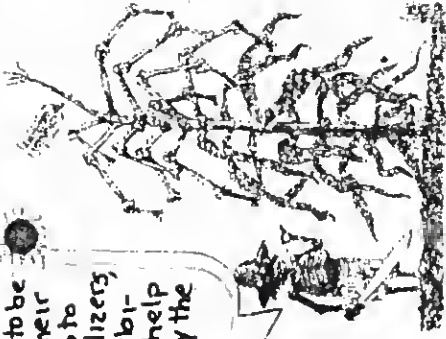
No, there's not much benefit to this little pueblo-panama plan, na.



We must remember that in part of the PPP region, the farmers and indigenous have already suffered the expropriation of their land, as in San Andres, Cholula, Puebla, Salapilla....



They want us to be dependent on their products, for us to use their fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, that we help them to destroy the land.



It is sad because we are going to depend on cans of food sold to us by foreigners, knowing we used to grow it.



We can resist this can't we? They are not going to get away with this so easily.



Oh no, the government and organizations like the World Bank know they must fortify their corridors with repressive bodies and increased militarization.

Yes, and it is because they want to put in a golf course.



As if there aren't already paramilitary and spies in the communities and in the press, like the Procede. For example, in an autonomous municipality in Chiapas (Roberto Barrios), the government has taken over the press so the people will accept the measures put on them.



This is difficult, but we have to put up a fight. Or are we going to walk away, to move for the government and corporations?



Ya no hablen tanto, Don't even speak of it. We are going to stop it!

Let's go resolve this!

Didn't I say that?

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THE NEWEST CORRIDORS

COMIC ABOUT THE CORRIDOR

Hey pal, did you know they are going to clear our land and put in a highway?



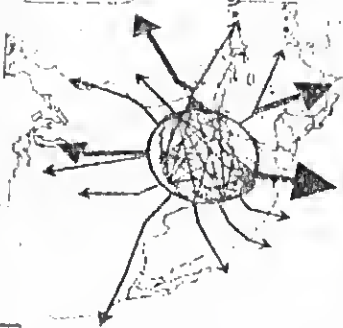
Well, we have been talking and informing ourselves about that. It is part of his economic project, the Plan Puebla Panama. It plans to build highways as part of what he calls "industrial corridors".



What's that?

Industrial corridors are factories and highways that can quickly transport merchandise to save time and money in the storage of products.

Whoa! How they plot! And who does this?



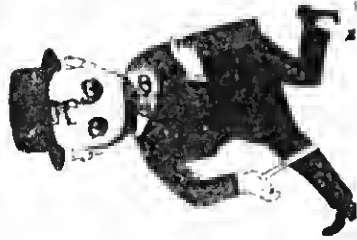
Transnational companies, like GAP, Levi's, Guess, Nike, Ford, Monsanto, etc.

The corridors also prevent workers from going to the U.S. for jobs. This way we can exploit them legally.



What do you mean biological? They are going to do experiments on us?

Well almost, but with our natural resources. They are going to privatize our ancestor's knowledge of plants, agriculture, medicine, etc. And they are going to charge those who use this ancestral knowledge.



Ah, so this is part of the PPP.

So it is friend. The plan is to cross the country with highways, full of assembly plants. The companies also want to put in corridors of communications, energy, and even biological corridors.



Now, they aren't satisfied! With just a little!

No. They want several biological corridors in nature reserve areas to trade in plant and animal species.



- from Nogales to Guaymas
- from Nuevo Laredo to Manzanillo
- from Vera Cruz to Salina Cruz
- from Matamoros to Villa Hermosa
- from Villa Hermosa to Cancun
- from the Yucatan Peninsula to the Isthmus of Tehuantepec
- from Tijuana to Tabasco



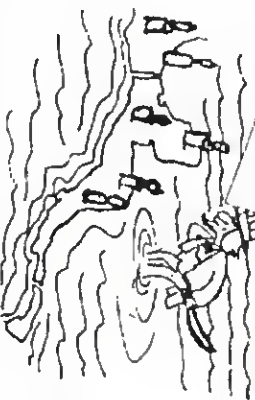
maps from the book "Los Nuevos Retornos" by A. Barreda.

Sure but we don't interfere with paying their expenses. For the first stage of the PPP, Congress has already given 5350 million pesos... of our taxes.



As if it were merchandise! How long have they been making these plans?

Since Zedillo was president with his National Development Plan, 1985-2000. From his party to the country in 7 corridors...



This departure from the country and what is to remain was planned in the PPP with some modifications.

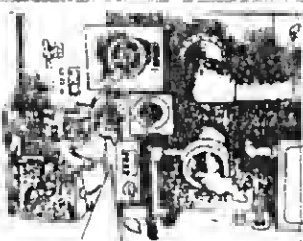
Where are they going to put us when they do all of this? We interfere with their security, don't we?



We also do not bother them much because we are going to serve as cheap manual labor... but neither you nor I, eh? We are already so old they must accept us, no?



I am not so sure but the cities are suitable for the development of industry, it will make for the cheapest transportation of merchandise, and the manual labor will make the corridors run most efficiently.

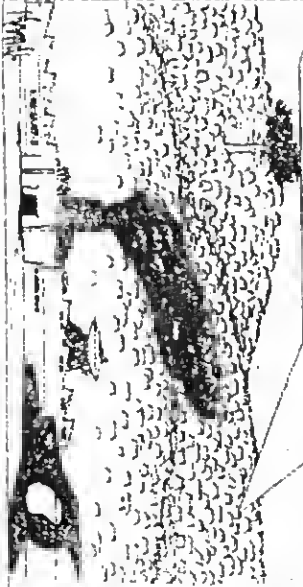


All already see what they will have with my pri land. First they expropriate it, rob us then assure the efficiency with our manual labor.

I found in Chimalapas they want to plunder the earth, to put in dams and channels. And in Puebla, there is a project called "Millennium": for that project they want to take 800 hectares, with the justification of "public utility."



One of the Megaprojects, in the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, is to modernize the trail road (not for public use), build a highway, factories and an airport in Ixtape. In the same Megaproject, they plan to plant eucalyptus in Chimalapas.



Sure, that's how it is. They say the indigenous population interests them... but only to use as they please.



Ah, now I understand why the people of church said they were going to leave about 150 meters open on each side of the highway... it is for the assembly plants (maquilas).

If the term "public utility" is right, the opposite would be "private utility." We must reform article 27 to legitimize the expropriation of land for just anyone. This possibility of land for just anyone. This plan is for the wealth of a few.



You don't say! But eucalyptus erodes the soil! Who will benefit from that?

Well, the garbage companies, who else?



This plan is pure destruction.

Now is the time for us to
organize to defend our
land, our culture, our lives.

In Tephé, in the valley of the mezquite shrubs, there is an autonomous, indigenous enterprise that employs 190 people and pays dividends to 300 families of people who have worked on the communal property since 1991. Yes, another option does exist for the development and general growth of the country. Instead of selling it to foreign countries, we must push for growth from the same Mexicans who have been rightfully dependent on this land for generations.

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of course, but this is a country of "equal opportunities." You will have to compete with Delimex.

The PPP is a project that claims to be a development strategy, a vanguard of social, economic, environmental, and commercial expansion and integration, increasing sustained growth, and generating resources to provide employment opportunities, to obtain social development and the human population. - PPP document -

Where
is this
going to
happen?

In Puebla, Veracruz, Guerrero, Oaxaca, Tabasco, Yucatán, Campeche, Quintana Roo and Chiapas, also in Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Costa Rica, and Panama

Well, wherever my foreign friends need to create industrial corridors.

Where will
you put all
of that?

Don't worry, they go to
aren't afraid of high-
benefit from high-
ways, gas lines, etc.
We will build from inside
par, gas lines, etc.

PROGRESS IS
ONE THING,
EXPLOITATION
IS ANOTHER

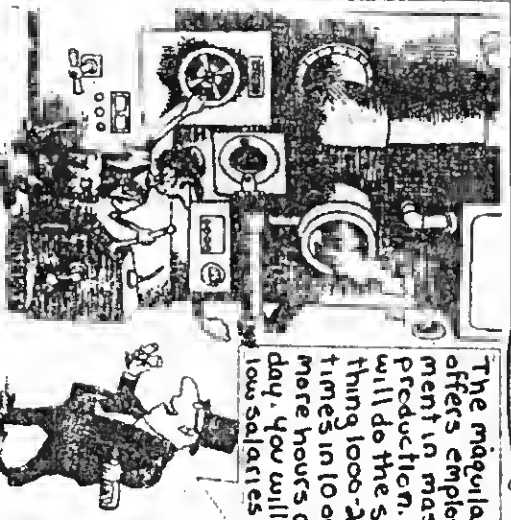
The industrial corridors are piles of factories connected by highways to make the transportation of merchandise easier, to save money for big corporations. Already they take advantage of poverty in the region by paying as little as possible for manual labor.



We need technicians capable of working in our industrial corridors.



The maquila offers employment in mass production. You will do the same thing 1000-2000 times in 10 or more hours a day. You will get low salaries.



This is the "March that will make the South-South East!" The further south we go, the lower the wages we pay. For example, in El Paso, TX the pay is 47 pesos a day. Across the border in Cd. Juarez it's 42 pesos a day, in Puebla, in main countries like Burma, it's 16 a day.

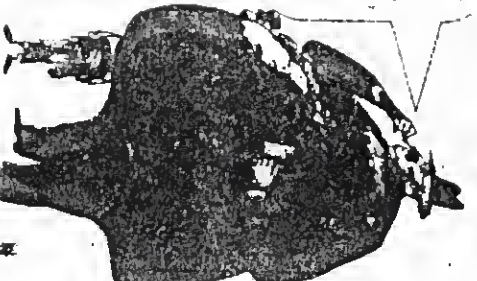


This is what's going to happen on your land. Be ready, you have 10 seconds to leave.



But this land is our lives, our cultures.

If you let us make our artificial products on your land, we'll repay you with misery and displacement.



Or the city will move onto our land. Then all of our cultures will change.

If they take our land, we'll have to move to the city to find work.



So, it's like this, your little piece of land can't be sold for much. We'll give you 4 pesos, maybe even 7, per square meter.



Why did you think we'd pass an "indigenous rights" law that didn't allow us to decide what to do with your land?



The zones of the plan are rich in biodiversity. As part of the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor, we are going to privatize the land, water, oil, plants, and the ancestral memories of indigenous peoples. To put it simply, I'm going to sell Mexico to my gringos.



Oops! That's more than the eagles share!